

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 1690

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, ASEC  
SUBJ: MOLOTOV COCKTAILS THROWN AT USIS

REF: ADDIS ABABA 1685

1. AT APPROX 2015 MAR 20, THREE MOLOTOV COCKTAILS WERE  
THROWN AT USIS WHICH WAS UNOCCUPIED EXCEPT FOR LOCAL GUARDS.  
AT LEAST TWO COCKTAILS WERE THROWN FROM MOVING LANDROVER. TWO  
FELL SHORT OF BUILDING AND THIRD HIT SECOND FLOOR WINDOW  
LEDGE. SOME BOTTLE GLASS AND FLUID ENTERED AUDITORIUM, BUT  
FLUID DID NOT IGNITE. ONE OF TWO THAT FELL SHORT IGNITED ON  
SIDEWALK, CAUSING NO DAMAGE.

2. GUARDS AT EPMG TELECOMMUNICATIONS NEXT DOOR REPORTEDLY  
FIRED TWO SHOTS WHICH MAY HAVE SCARED OFF A REPORTED TWO OTHER  
ATTACKERS ON FOOT (A FOURTH COCKTAIL WAS FOUND ABANDONED  
ACROSS STREET FROM USIS).

3. RSO IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED POLICE AND MILITARY WHO  
SHOWED UP SHORTLY THEREAFTER IN FORCE. THIS MORNING  
EMB NOTIFIED MOFA AND REQUESTED 24-HOUR POLICE  
PROTECTION. WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH DIP NOTE.  
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4. ATTACK MAY HAVE BEEN PART OF LARGER EFFORT BY  
ELEMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO EPMG. WE HAVE UNCONFIRMED  
REPORTS OF OTHER MOLOTOV COCKTAILS ATTACKS IN CITY LAST  
EVENING, AND ATTACK ON USIS COINCIDED WITH SIZEABLE  
FIRE FIGHT IN ANOTHER PART OF CITY CENTERING AROUND  
COTTON WAREHOUSE FOLLOWING AN ATTEMPTED FIRE BOMBING

(ADDIS ABABA 1685). FOR DEPT'S INFO, WE CANCELLED ALL  
EVENING PROGRAMS AT USIS LAST WEEK IN WAKE OF  
INCREASED TEMPO OF SHOOTINGS AROUND CITY, AND DO NOT  
PLAN ON FURTHER EVENING PROGRAMS UNTIL SITUATION  
IMPROVES.  
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